

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and further examination are requested.

Claim 11 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ohkawa (US 5,486,337). Claims 2-4 and 7-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohkawa in view of Fisher (US 6,589,739).

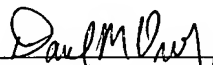
In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, claim 1 has been amended so as to include the limitations of allowable claim 11, and claim 11 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. As a result, claims 1-10 are now allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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